tells Joshi", published in the Stateman, dated November 7, 1998; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government as a part of Centre-State interaction on law and order in the city as per Article 355 of the Constitution?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such statement as referred to in the news item was made by the Prime Minister.

Inter-State Council

1163. SHRI S. PETER ALPHONSE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) when was the last Inter-State Council Meeting held this year;

(b) the concrete recommendations made at the meeting; and

(c) the action taken on the recommendations by Government?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) No meeting of the Inter-State Council has been held this year. The Inter-State Council and its Standing Committee have been reconstituted recently. A meeting of the Standing Committee is scheduled to be held on the 19th December, 1998.

Crime in Mumbai

1164. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people killed in various crime in Mumbai during January to November, 1998, month-wise;

(b) the details of measures taken by Government to curb the rising crime-graph in Mumbai; and

(c) how the Mumbai Police is being empowered to tackle the growing incidents of crime?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Available information in regard to the number of persons killed in Mumbai during the year 1998, month-wise, is given below:

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov

24 24 38 33 36 40 20 35 25 N.A. N.A.

(b) and (c) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subject under the constitution of India. As such, the prevention of crimes as well as the investigation and detection of crimes are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. The Central Government, however, exteds financial assistance to the State Governments for improving their policing structure. The Central Government also shares intelligence with the State Governments and sends them advisories from time to time.

Christian Missionaries

1165. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI CO. POULOSE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement made by Dr. S.K. Jain, Convenor of Bajrang Dal that the Christian Missionaries should be asked to leave India;

(b) if so, the details of the statement made by him;

(c) whether Government have examined the charges levelled By Dr. Jain; and

(d) the findings of Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) A news item appeared in 'Asian Age' daily on September 5, under the title 'Missionaries, quit India; Bajrang Dal' wherein Dr. Surendra Kumar Jain of Bajrang Dal alleged that Christian missionaries were helping separatist

forces and that they should be asked to leave India. He also alleged that some of them had links with the drug mafia.

(c) and (d) 'Public Order' & 'Police' are the State Subjects as per the Constitution and it is for the State Govt, to examine the charges and take appropriate action. In the guidelines issued by the Central Govt, the States have been advised to take action against persons spreading ill will, hatred, disharmony between members of different communities.

Human Rights Commissions in the States

1166. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Human Rights Commission had advised formation of State level Human Rights Commission in the States;

(b) if so, the names of the States where the same have been formed;

(c) whether Uttar Pradesh Government has refused to form such a Commissionin the State;

(d) if so, the action taken by Government to ensure formation of the same in Uttar Pradesh and other States; and

(e) if not, the time-bound action plan to form State-level Human Rights Commissions in Uttar Pradesh and other States?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per available information State Governments of Assam, West Bengal, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Jammu and Kashmir have set up State Human Rights Commission, Govt, of Kerala has issued notification for setting up of the State Human Rights Commission.

(c) to (e) The State Government of Uttar Pradesh after considering the matter decided that it is not necessary to set up State Human Rights Commission as alternate grievance redressal mechanism exist, such as:

(i) Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council.

(ii) State Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes Commission.

(iii) State Backward Caste Commission.

(iv) State Minorities Commission.

(v) (a) Human Rights Cell in Home Department of the State Government.

(b) Human Rights Cell in the Office of Director General Police.

There are enabling provisions in the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 for setting up of State 'Human Rights Commission by the State Governments under Sections 21 to 29 of the Act. The State Governments which have not yet set up State Commission have been advised from time to time to set up State Human Rights Commission in their respective States.

Sabotage Activities by ULFA

1167. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: SHRI AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether militancy in Assam and other North-Eastern States has again started full throttle, with ULFA setting the Indian Oil Corporation Depot in Naogaon district on fire on August 11,1998 and warning to follow it up with series of other such sabotage activities; and

(b) if so. Government's reaction thereto indicating the steps taken effectively to prevent such activities?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) The North Eastern States of Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Meghalaya have